

REMARKS

In the Restriction Requirement mailed October 4, 2007, the Examiner has restricted the claims to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. §121:

- I. Claims 1-7, drawn to a recombinant vector for the correct, stable, and effective expression in mammalian cells of a siRNA or miRNA and drawn to a composition comprising said vector.
- II. Claim 8, drawn to the use of the recombinant vectors for therapeutic applications.

Applicant elects, without traverse, the claims of Group I (claims 1-7). Applicant respectfully cancels claim 8 (Group II) without prejudice or disclaimer, and reserves the right to reintroduce claim 8 in one or more Divisional applications at a later date.

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant, Applicants have a complete listing of the claims as requested.

SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 373-6959 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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